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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NOBUHIRO YASUI ET AL. )  
Application No.: 10/656,242 )  
Filed: September 8, 2003 )  
For: FUNCTION DEVICE AND METHOD )  
FOR MANUFACTURING THE )  
SAME, PERPENDICULAR )  
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, )  
MAGNETIC RECORDING/ )  
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS )  
AND INFORMATION PROCESS )  
APPARATUS )  
Examiner: Holly C. Rickman  
Group Art Unit: 1773  
September 15, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

(a) Introductory Comments

Prior to receipt of the first action on the merits, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: